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SUBJECT: ATTACKS ON KING FAISAL BY OTHER ARABS? SAUDI CONCERNS

REF: JIDDA 7595

1. WE NOT RPT NOT AWARE OF ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE
STATEMENTS OF GOL OFFICIALS CRITICAL OF SAG OR
KING FAISAL FOR HIS PRO-AMERICAN POLICY. EVEN
"SOCIALIST" LUMINARY KAMAL JUMBLATT, WHO HAS IN
PAST BEEN MOST VOCAL LOCAL CRITIC OF SAUDI ARABIA,
IS NO LONGER INDULGING IN SUCH CRITICISM. THERE
IS, OF COURSE, CONSIDERABLE CONCERN IN LEBANON,
PARTICULARLY AMONG OUR FRIENDS, THAT US-INSPIRED SETTLE-

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MENT EFFORT IS SLUGGISH AT BEST, FROZEN AT WORST, BUT SAG

DOES NOT COME IN FOR ANY PARTICULAR DISCREDIT IN THIS REGARD.

2. PRESS COMMENTARIES IN BEIRUT, HOWEVER, ARE ANOTHER MATTER AND FAITHFULLY REFLECT VIEWS OF SPONSORING NON-LEBANESE GOVTS. BECAUSE OF THIS, WE DO NOT RPT NOT PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO COMMENTARIES OR SLANTING OF PUBLICATIONS WHICH PREDICTABLY HOSTILE TO US, OR, BY EXTENSION, SAUDI ARABIA. IN FACT, WE ARE SURPRISED THAT SAG SHOULD APPARENTLY DO SO. MOST RESILIENT AND GENERALLY UN-ATTRIBUTED CRITICISM WE HEAR LOCALLY OF SAG IS THAT IT DOES NOT SPREAD ITS MONEY AROUNDND WISELY OR WITH MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS IN LEBANESE PRESS SOUK.

3. SINCE MAS'UD SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED GOL IN HIS CATALOG OF HOSTILE ARAB REGIMES (AN ACCUSATION WE SURE WOULD CAUSE ACUTE UNHAPPINESS WITHIN HYPER-SENSITIVE GOL), WOULD APPRECIATE JIDDA DETERMINING, IF OCCASION PRESENTS ITSELF, PRECISELY WHICH GOL FIGURES SAG HAS IN MIND. GODLEY

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